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SUBJECT: US/SAUDI JOINT COMMISSION; REQUEST FOR STANDARDS
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1) NBS BELIEVES SENDING EXPERTS RIYADH WORK WITH
SASO AS PROPOSED BY QUTB TO BE PREMATURE FOR FOLLOWING
REASONS. BEACHAM REPORT NOW COMPLETED PROPOSES SPECIFIC
ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION BY QUTB. BEACHAM REPORT IS
CONCERNED ONLY WITH FOOD AND DRUG STANDARDS AND IS NOW ON
WAY TO TREASURY DEPARTMENT. BATES REPORT EXPECTED EARLY
JUNE WILL DEAL WITH BROAD ASPECTS OF STANDARDIZATION PROCESS
AND WILL RECOMMEND AN OPERATIONAL APPROACH. BATES CONSIDERS
THAT PROPOSAL BY QUTB THAT SPECIALISTS IMMEDIATELY ASSIST
IN PREPARATION OF STANDARDS WOULD BE INEFFICIENT BECAUSE AREAS
FOR WHICH STANDARDS ARE NEEDED ARE NOT YET ADEQUATELY
DEFINED. BATES APPROACH INCLUDES PROCEDURES FOR IDENTIFYING
NEEDED STANDARDS. BATES AND BEACHAM BOTH CONCLUDE
THAT WRITTEN STANDARDS PROBABLY NEEDED MOST URGENTLY IN AREA
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OF FOODS AND DRUGS AND BUIDLING AND CONSTRUCTION. STANDARDS

OTHER AREAS MUST WAIT DECISIONS NOW BEING MADE ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SAUDI ARABIA TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN FIVE YEAR INDUSTRIALIZATION PLAN NOW IN PREPARATION. THIS PLAN MUST BE STUDIED IN DETAIL BY BATES AND OTHERS BEFORE MOST EFFECTIVE PROGRAM CAN BE SET OUT.

2) NBS RECOMMENDS THEREFORE THAT SASO AWAIT RECEIPT OF BEACHAM AND BATES REPORTS. FOLLOWING STUDY OF THESE QUTB CAN DETERMINE WHETHER APPROACH RECOMMENDED IS ECONOMICALLY AND POLITICALLY PRACTICAL FOR HIS ORGANIZATION. IF HE WISHES TO PROCEED, NBS WILL ENDEAVOR DIND SUITABLE PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE BUT NBS CANNOT GUARANTEE SUCCESS. NBS ASSUMES THAT ADEQUATE HOUSING AND WORKING SPACE WILL BE AVAILABL BEFORE ARRIVAL FURTHER EXPERTS UNDER NBS SPONSORSHIP. KISSINGER

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